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Mrs. I. Levine left Monday for several weeks' visit with her daughter in New York.

Abraham Dember of New York is the guest of his parents on Elmwood Heights. F. M. Baker was in Hartford Monday.

Frank Murphy returned Monday from New Haven and resumed his duties as brakeman on the branch railroad.

Mrs. Samuel Gifford left Monday for a few days' visit with friends in New York.

Miss Elizabeth G. Day has returned after several weeks' visit with her brother in Bridgeport.

The American Legion post held a meeting in the parlors of the engine house on Saturday evening.

The Old Guard band held a rehearsal Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Supervisor H. S. Libby was in Marlboro Monday visiting the schools.

Pamela R. Case was in Middletown on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Meigs were visitors in Hartford Monday.

Mrs. Charles F. Beebe was a Willimantic caller Monday.

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The final grand list of the town of Stafford Springs, as filed in the town clerk's office by the board of assessors, is \$1,734, a reduction of less than \$2,000 from the figures of the assessors.

F. J. Hisspach has moved to his new location in the Essex block.

The report of the local school for the week ending Feb. 25 follows: This has been a short school week. Owing to blocked roads caused by the snowstorm, there was no school on Monday and Tuesday the school was closed in observance of Washington's birthday. Pupils attaining high honors for the week are: Lucius Whitaker, Nicholas DeLuca, \$8 per cent. Alice Spink 97 per cent. Lillie Young and Byron Burdard 98 per cent. Pupils attaining honors: Gladys Weiman 84 per cent. Juanita Mills, Walter Burdard 93 per cent. and Astantia Mazzarella 91 per cent.

School closed Friday for the winter recess. It will reopen March 13. Pauline Goss is spending the week in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Brown were in Dedham Sunday.

Gertrude Hall, who is teaching in Riverdale, Mass., is spending a week at the Oaks.

Charles Mills and family, who have been spending several months with Mrs. Mills' parents, left Monday for their home in Chicago.

Al Gilbert has finished sawing on the Gilbert lot and is moving his plant to a lot on the Moseus road.

Virginia Gates, who has been ill for the past week, is recovering.

Rev. Walter Williams of Danvers conducted a service in the local church Sunday afternoon. His theme was based upon the words: To obey is better than sacrifice.

Luther Cole of North Sterling was a caller at The Oaks Monday.

Danbury—Mary Wooster chapter, D. A. R., had its annual luncheon at the Hotel Green the other afternoon, with Mrs. John Laddaw Ruel of Litchfield, state regent of the Connecticut D. A. R., as the guest of honor and principal speaker of the afternoon. About 50 persons were present.

Stonington—The weekly meeting of the community chorus held in Community hall Tuesday evening. The soloist was George G. Hallett.

The street of Stonington borough are in a poor condition. The heavy trucks and all kinds of automobiles have cut deep ruts in them. The chains on the wheels have plowed the snow in many places and Tuesday these were full of water. It will require much money this spring to put the highways of the town and borough in good condition.

James H. Stiver has in his possession a number of old tools made by hand years ago. One is a razor with the date 1751 on the bone handle, another is a hammer and a third the blade of a hoe. The crew of the Fisher's Island coast guard station was in the borough Monday.

A number of hands were laid off at the Atwood plant Monday. Work, however, continues brisk at that factory and shipments are made frequently.

Capt. Fred J. Ostman took a supply of station from his harbor pound during Monday. This pond has been put in early because of the mild weather.

Emil Schmitt is visiting in New York a guest of his brother John and family.

George B. Riey is out after an illness of a week.

Rev. Dwight C. Stone was in Jewett City Tuesday to attend the monthly meeting of the Jewett City church.

Edward Myers left Monday for Boston, Pa., where he has obtained employment as a weaver. Friday next eight residents of the borough are to leave for the same place to work in the mill.

Miss Thirza Palmer left Tuesday for her home in Swampscott, Mass., after ten days' visit at the home of Judge Elias R. Hickey.

W. Dean Fairbrother has returned to Bristol.

Leo Crowley is ill at his home in Westport.

## PLAINFIELD

At 8:30 Monday night the bowling alleys were cleared for one of the most interesting matches of the season, with the Lucky Strikes, well named, with all their weight on metal and with semi-speed bowling and a lot of luck defeated the hard fighting High Rollers, two out of three strings. Plainfield is a dry town, but could have gotten a smattering of the Lucky Strikes were leaving the alleys, they are still wearing that winning smile!

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